

ELECTRIC PROPULSION FOR SPS

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SPS TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENT:

- CONSTRUCT TWO 50,984 MT SPS's IN GEO PER YEAR, PLUS SPARES
- ANNUAL CARGO REQUIREMENT:
 - SATELLITE: 101,968
 - SPARES (1%): 1,020
- 102,988 MT

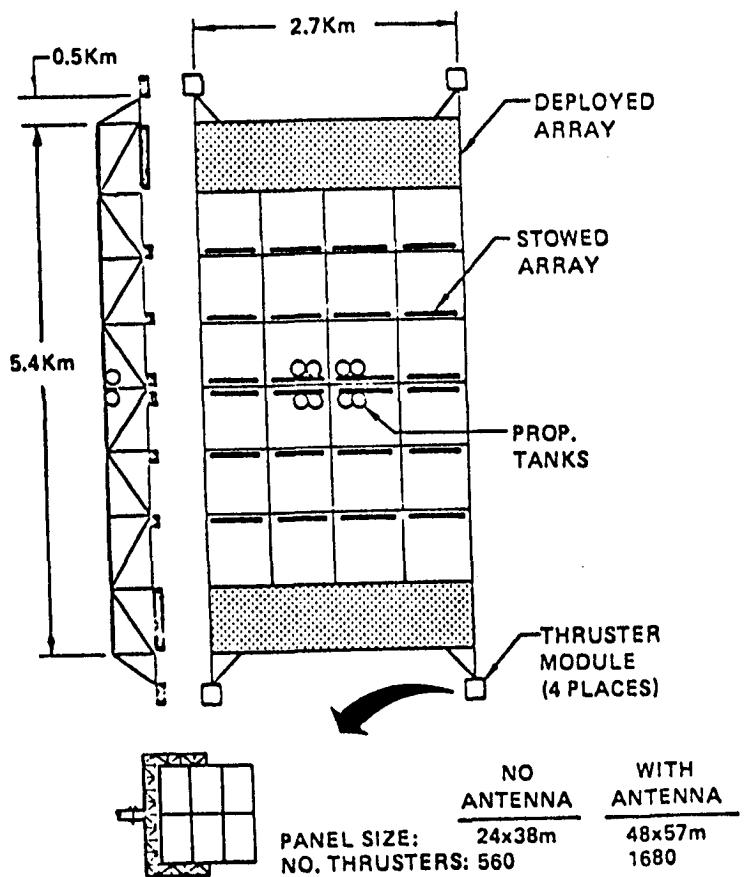
LEO TO GEO OTV SYSTEMS CONSIDERED

- LO₂/LH₂
 - PERMITS GEO CONSTRUCTION
 - SHORT TRIP TIME
 - SPS SOLAR ARRAY PROTECTED FROM VAN ALLEN RADIATIONUP TO \$1B PENALTY PER 5 GW SPS DUE TO GREATER PROPELLANT DELIVERY TO LEO.
- PAYLOAD POWERED ELECTRIC OTV
 - REQUIRES LEO CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR ARRAY MODULES
 - LONG TRIP TIME - ECONOMIC PENALTY
 - EXPOSES SOLAR ARRAY TO VAN ALLEN RADIATION
 - LARGE DISTRIBUTED MASS PRESENTS CONTROL PENALTIESCONTROL PENALTIES BECAME A DECISION FACTOR.
- INDEPENDENT POWERED ELECTRIC OTV
 - PERMITS GEO CONSTRUCTION
 - LONG TRIP TIME - ECONOMIC PENALTY
 - SPS SOLAR ARRAY PROTECTED FROM RADIATION
 - CONCENTRATED PAYLOAD MASS ALLEVIATES CONTROL PROBLEMBETTER MASS DISTRIBUTION DOMINATES PENALTY OF ADDED SOLAR ARRAY.

OTHER OTV POSSIBILITIES:

- SOLAR COLLECTOR, THERMAL CYCLE CONVERSION ELECTRIC PROPULSION
- SOLAR COLLECTOR HEATED HYDROGEN PROPULSION
- LASER HEATED PROPELLANT SYSTEM
- ELECTROMAGNETIC MASS DRIVER

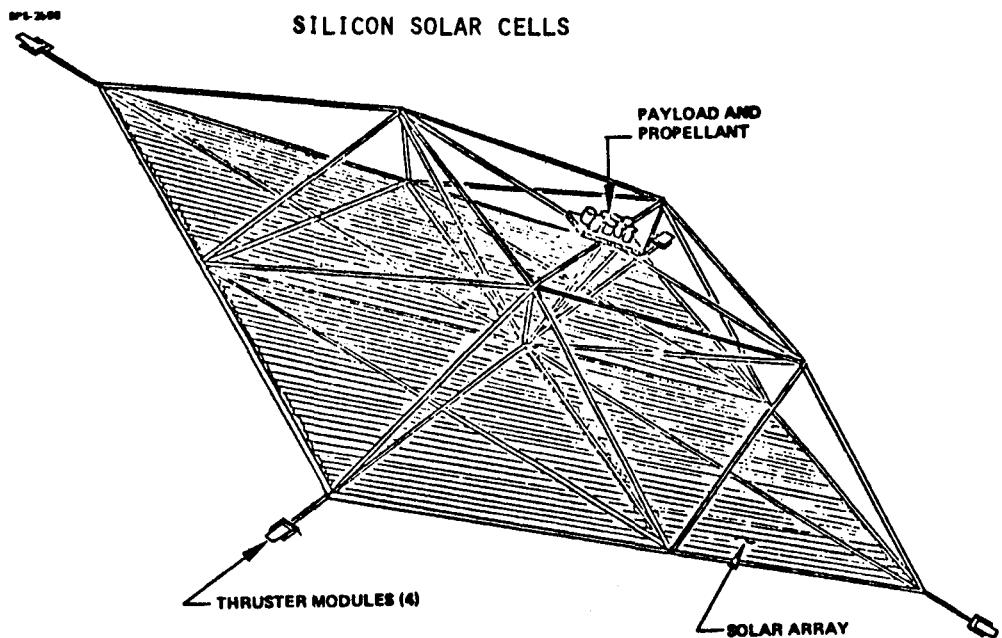
PAYOUT LOADED OTV



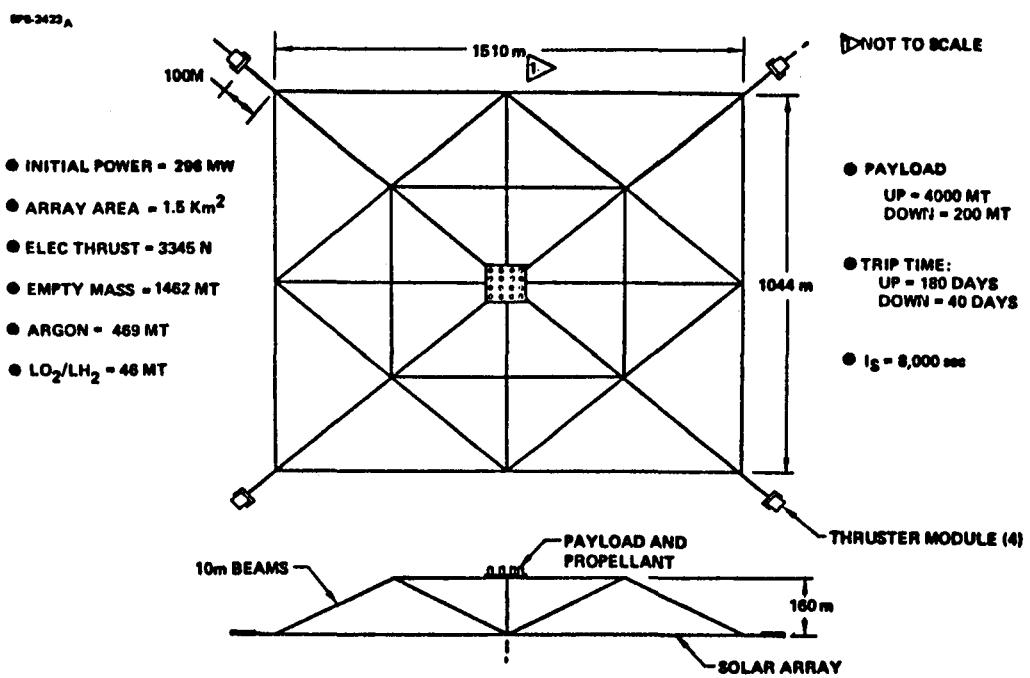
- GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS
- 5% OVERRSIZING (RADIATION)
 - TRIP TIME = 180 DAYS
 - ISP = 7000 SEC

MODULE CHARACTERISTICS	NO ANTENNA	WITH ANTENNA
● NO. MODULES	6	2
● MODULE MASS (10^6 KG)	8.7	23.7
● POWER REQ'D (10^6 Kw)	0.3	0.81
● ARRAY %	13	36
● OTS DRY (10^6 KG)	1.1	2.9
● ARGON (10^6 KG)	2.0	5.6
● LO ₂ /LH ₂ (10^6 KG)	1.0	2.8
● ELEC THRUST (10^3 N)	4.5	12.2
● CHEM THRUST (10^3 N)	12.0	5.0

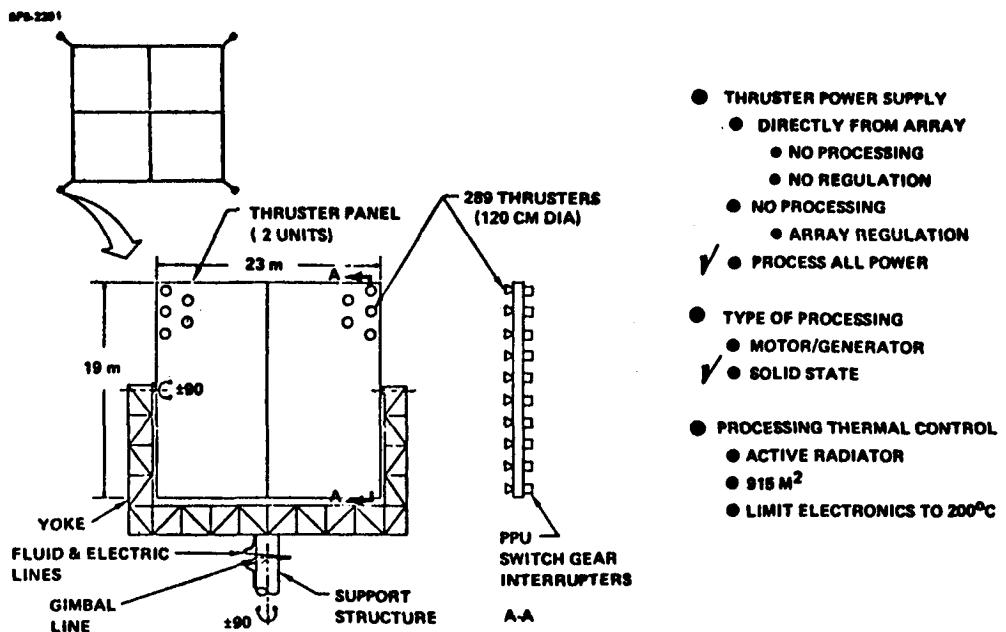
INDEPENDENT POWER EOTV CONFIGURATION CONCEPT - BOEING



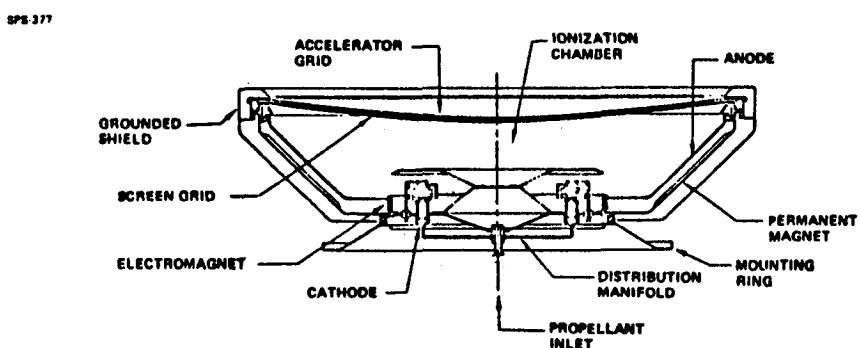
INDEPENDENT POWER EOTV CONFIGURATION



EOTV PROPULSION SYSTEM



120 CM ION THRUSTER



SELECTED 120 CM ARGON ION THRUSTER CHARACTERISTICS

FIXED CHARACTERISTICS

BEAM CURRENT:	80.0 AMPS.
ACCEL. VOLTAGE:	500.0 V.
DISCHARGE VOLTAGE:	30.0 V. (FLOATING)
COUPLING VOLTAGE:	11.0 V.
DBL. ION RATES:	0.16 (J2/J1)
NEUTRAL EFFLUX:	4,8384 AMP. EQUIV.
DIVERGENCE:	0.98
DISCHARGE LOSS:	187.3 EV/ION
OTHER LOSS:	1758.0 W.
UTILIZATION:	0.892 W.
LIFE:	8000 HR.
*WEIGHT:	50. KG.
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
SCREEN (BEAM) VOLTAGE:	1700 V.
INPUT POWER:	130 KW
THRUST:	2.9 N
EFFICIENCY:	78

*WEIGHT PREDICTION COURTESY OF T. MASEK OF HRL.

EOTV MASS STATEMENT

POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION	951,000
SOLAR ARRAY-SILICON STRUCTURE	780,000
POWER DISTRIBUTION	122,000
ENERGY STORAGE	42,000
	7,000
ELECTRIC PROPULSION	496,000
THRUSTERS	79,000
POWER CONDITIONING	219,000
THERMAL CONTROL	88,000
STRUCTURES & MECHANISM	61,000
PROPELLANT FEED	49,000
AUXILIARY SYSTEMS	15,000
DRY WEIGHT	1,462,000
PROPELLANT	515,000
ARGON	469,000
HYDROGEN	6,600
OXYGEN	39,400
PAYOUT (GROSS)	4,000,000
TOTAL START BURN MASS.	5,977,000

EOTV AVERAGE COST PER UNIT

<u>FLIGHT UNIT</u>	247.0 M
• POWER GENERATION & DISTRIBUTION	99.7
SOLAR ARRAY	79.6
STRUCTURE	12.2
POWER DISTRIBUTION	1.6
ENERGY STORAGE	6.4
• ELECTRIC PROPULSION	141.0
THRUSTERS	15.4
POWER CONDITIONING	87.2
THERMAL CONTROL	22.1
STRUCTURES & MECHANISMS	11.3
PROPELLANT SYSTEM	5.0
• AVIONICS	6.5
<u>PROGRAMMATICS</u>	<u>36.6</u>
TOTAL	\$283.6 M

EOTV - PER FLIGHT COST

HARDWARE

$$\frac{\text{AVERAGE VEHICLE COST}}{\text{FLIGHTS PER VEHICLE}} = \frac{283,600}{10} = \$28,400\text{K}$$

PROPELLANT

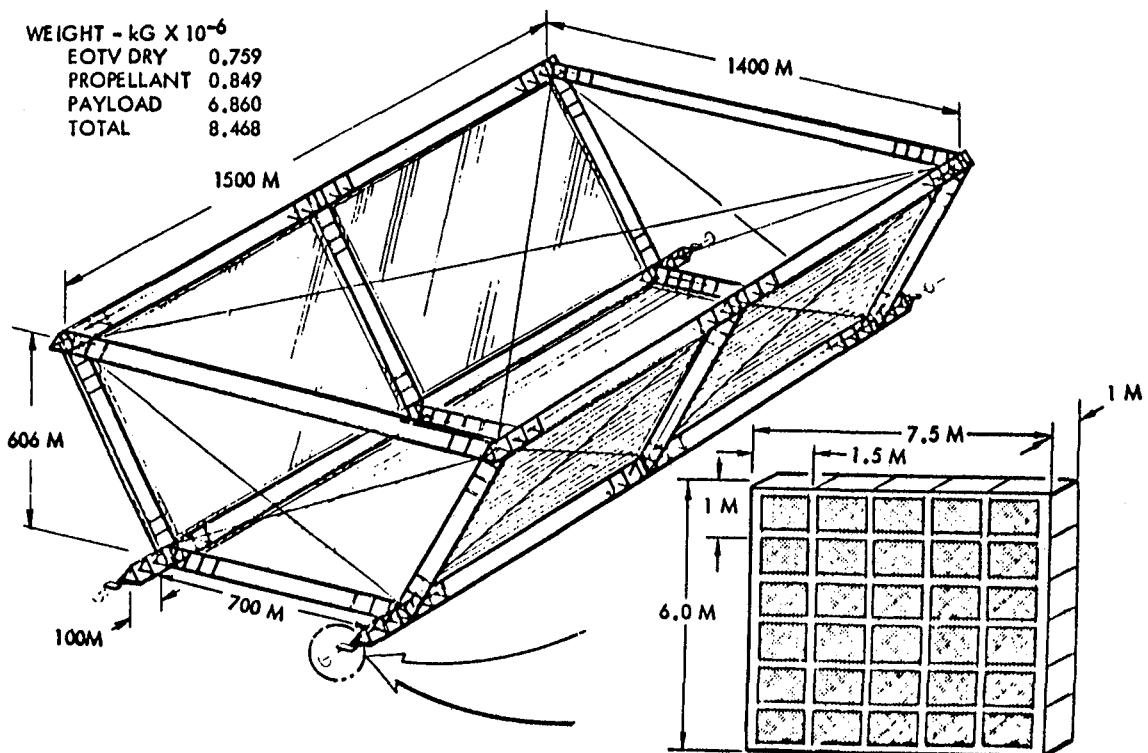
ARGON	470 MT @ \$1/KG	470
O ₂	39 MT @ \$.037/KG	1
H ₂	7 MT @ \$1.53/KG	11

REFURBISHMENT 11,300

PROGRAM SUPPORT 500

TOTAL COST PER FLIGHT \$40,682K

INDEPENDENT POWER EOTV CONCEPT - ROCKWELL
(GALLIUM ARSENIDE)



ARGON ION THRUSTER CHARACTERISTICS - ROCKWELL

MAXIMUM TOTAL VOLTAGE, VOLT	4405
MAXIMUM OPERATING TEMP, °K	1330
SCREEN GRID VOLTAGE, VOLT	1880
ACCELERATOR GRID VOLTAGE, VOLT	-2525
BEAM CURRENT, AMP	1500
BEAM POWER, WATT	2.8×10^6
SPECIFIC IMPULSE, SEC	7963
THRUST, NEWTON	56.26

BEAM CURRENT VS. THRUSTER LIFE ASSUMPTIONS

BEAM CURRENT -	80 AMPS/M ²	1500 AMPS/M ²
THRUSTER LIFE -	8000 HOURS	4000 HOURS

EOTV KEY ISSUE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS - GENERAL:

- CAPABILITY FOR COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSES OF COMPLEX, EXTREMELY LARGE STRUCTURES UNDER GRAVITY GRADIENT LOADS, NON-CONSTANT APPLIED FORCES, AND THERMAL TRANSIENTS. (STRUCTURAL CANNOT BE TESTED UNTIL IT IS CONSTRUCTED IN SPACE.)
- SELECTION OF STRUCTURAL MATERIALS FOR THE THERMAL, VACUUM, AND RADIATION ENVIRONMENT OF LEO-GEO FLIGHT. MEASUREMENT OF REQUIRED PROPERTIES FOR DESIGN.
- ANNEALING OF RADIATION DAMAGE IN SOLAR CELLS.
- HIGHLY RELIABLE, REDUNDANT ATTITUDE-CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH GUARANTEES STABILITY DURING OCCULTATION OF THE SUN.
- AUTONOMOUS NAVIGATION, GUIDANCE, AND CONTROL SYSTEM.
- MEANS TO ASSURE AGAINST RE-ENTRY FROM LOW-EARTH ORBIT.

ELECTRIC PROPULSION - KEY ISSUES

- TECHNOLOGY FOR SCALING ION THRUSTERS FROM 30 CM TO 100 CM AND ABOVE.
 - GRID STABILITY
 - MULTIPLE CATHODE DESIGN
- REPLACEMENT OF MERCURY BY ARGON AS PROPELLANT.
- IONOSPHERIC EFFECTS OF ARGON.
- SYSTEMS DESIGN TRADE DATA TO SELECT:
 - THRUSTER LIFE
 - POWER
 - THRUST
 - Isp